

Despite Robert's numerous professional accomplishments during his lifetime, he never lost touch with his constituents. His down-to-earth style was a large part of his political success. Robert was a member of several charitable organizations as well as a sponsor of Little League baseball teams. His passing is a dramatic loss to many different segments of the community. Robert is survived by his wife Deanie and their daughter Maeann.

On February 8, 1997, a Robert DeMars Memorial Charity Ball will be held to honor Robert's legacy and to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. This is a fitting tribute to Robert DeMars's life of public service and one I believe he would wholeheartedly approve of. I know my Senate colleagues join me in honoring the life of Robert A. DeMars.●

PARTIAL BIRTH ABORTION BAN

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to cosponsor Senate bill 6. In doing so I add my voice to the chorus calling for an end to partial birth abortion. The bill we are considering is designed to outlaw medical procedures "in which the person performing the abortion partially delivers a living fetus before killing the fetus and completing the delivery." It is a narrowly drafted bill which specifically and effectively targets a rare but grisly and unnecessary practice.

I understand, Mr. President, that the American people are divided on many issues within the abortion debate. I am firmly pro-life. But in my view one need not resort to broad, ideological arguments in this case. Partial birth abortions occur in the second or third trimester of pregnancy. They are never required to save the life, health or child-bearing ability of the mother. They are unnecessary and regrettable.

We in this Chamber failed to override the President's veto of this legislation during the last Congress. But I remain convinced that all of us can agree that this nation can do without this particular grisly procedure. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation.●

TRIBUTE TO PROCTOR JONES

● Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, I rise to pay tribute to Proctor Jones for his outstanding service and dedication to the U.S. Senate since 1960. While his Senate employment was interrupted for 2 years for service in the U.S. Marine Corps, I don't believe any staffer has served in the Senate longer than Proctor. Certainly, no one has served this institution more honorably or with greater dedication.

During my tenure in the Senate, I have had the pleasure of working with Proctor on numerous occasions in his capacity as the staff director for the Democrats on the Energy and Water Subcommittee of Appropriations. Unfortunately, my State of North Dakota seems to be plagued with too little

water or too much. Proctor was fully conversant with and sensitive to the unique needs of North Dakota and was always ready to assist us with our water problems. He was especially helpful to me over the past 3 years in finding additional funding to help the citizens of Devils Lake, N.D., who have been devastated by flooding for 4 consecutive years.

Proctor represents the finest there is in public service. He was dedicated to the institution he so honorably served under a succession of outstanding chairmen of the Appropriations Committee. He was ever the student of the budget and appropriation processes. He was the master of the art of politics—forging compromises. He was the protector of the purse—evaluating Federal programs under a microscope to ensure that they were necessary, effective, responsible, and responsive. He was the ultimate professional. And he was a true gentleman.

During his more than 35 years in the Senate, Proctor earned the respect of Members and colleagues alike. His expertise, sound judgment, political skills and professional talents will be sorely missed in the Senate. But I want to join my colleagues in wishing Proctor good health and every success as he joins his former boss, Senator Bennett Johnston of Louisiana, in pursuing new challenges and opportunities in the private sector.●

BURT BARR

● Mr. MCCAIN. Mr. President, when a good man dies, heaven profits at humanity's expense. My friend, Burt Barr, was a good man whose loss we can scarce afford lest our society further succumbs to the cynicism and distrust that cheapens our times. He was a man whose virtues were so exemplary and so apparent that he won the admiration and affection of all he encountered. He was the kind of man whom fathers hope their sons will become.

He grew to manhood in a time when Americans believed to sacrifice for your country was an ennobling experience. He took up arms in his country's defense, risked death and grave harm, endured enormous deprivation for a cause he knew was greater than his own life. He marched across Europe to liberate the peoples of that continent from tyranny; to protect America's freedoms, and to keep alive in this world the prospect that our freedoms and prosperity might someday flourish in all societies.

Burt's service in the Second World War, as it was for most of his generation, was the defining event of his life. The experience of shared hardship, of complete faith in and devotion to the men who fought beside you engendered in him an enduring love and respect for the men and women who have worn the uniform of the United States. But his experiences in war affected more than his regard for the military. They inspired in him an abiding love for and

desire to remain of service to his country, and to distinguish his public service with an unflagging belief that we are all part of a cause more noble than self-interest, and that, as such, we deserve each other's respect and admiration.

No one who worked with Burt Barr ever suspected his purposes or doubted his decency. Republican and Democrat alike knew that in Burt the State of Arizona had found a model public servant whose sole public ambition was to work with any willing partner to help Arizona grow and prosper.

As is obvious by the presence here of so many Arizonans of different political affiliations, Burt was a man who kept his priorities straight. He never set the price of partisan advantage so high that it cheapened his regard for personal friendships. He knew by instinct, by instruction and by experience that political success is such an inconsequential thing when weighed against the love and trust of your neighbors and friends. When our days begin to run out there will be little solace found in the prideful recollection that we advanced our professional ambitions at the expense of others. That solace abides only in our family's love, God's grace, and the satisfaction of a life well-lived in the service of others, and not to the detriment of anyone.

As Bruce Babbitt and Art Hamilton can attest, as anyone who worked with Burt in the service of our beautiful State can attest, Burt won his share of political contests, but never at the cost of a friend. He presided as majority leader in the Arizona House for many years, and worked with many Governors. He did not exult in the perquisites of power, but only in the opportunity to be of use to his community. Under his patient, inclusive leadership, the legislature never functioned more smoothly or productively. He considered Bruce and Art and everyone who labored with him on behalf of Arizona to be comrades-in-arms, not enemies. War had taught him that such relationships were to be cherished as indispensable to a good life.

Burt's good life, his decency to others was of inestimable value to Arizona. Together with former Governor Babbitt, with Art, with all his Republican and Democratic colleagues, Burt helped to make this State the wonderful place to live it remains today. Arizona's extraordinary growth was not just coincident with, but was, in large part, a consequence of his public service, and the comity and trust that distinguished his relationships with his colleagues.

Burt was the first person whose advice I sought when I first considered a political career. I placed a high value on his counsel then and in all the following years of our friendship. That I continue my public career in a time of growing incivility and cynicism, in a time when partisan opponents seek to criminalize our political differences is a source of deep disappointment to me,